

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 7023

By Southerland

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend the Camp Creek Volunteer Fire Department on the occasion of its sixtieth anniversary.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly take great pleasure in recognizing those honorable institutions that exist to serve and protect the citizens of this State; and

WHEREAS, one such venerable entity is the Camp Creek Volunteer Fire Department, which will celebrate the sixtieth anniversary of its founding this year; and

WHEREAS, located on Greystone Road in Greeneville, the Camp Creek Volunteer Fire Department is currently led by Assistant Chief Bradley Johnson, Assistant Chief Cory Plemmons, and Chief Robert Lee Johnson, who has been a member of the department since 2006 and became chief in 2022; and

WHEREAS, many families in the community have served with the Camp Creek Volunteer Fire Department for generations, and several of the fire department founders still hold lifetime memberships with the department, including Robert Shelton, Guy Hopson, and Dolphus Cutshaw; in total, the department has approximately twenty-six active and lifetime members; and

WHEREAS, committed to providing the highest level of public safety services for their community, the fire department responds to an average of 100 calls per year, including those regarding structure and brush fires, vehicle crashes, rescues in remote mountain areas, assistance involving medical or health issues, and mutual aid responses to other fire districts; and

WHEREAS, Camp Creek's territory covers approximately ninety-two square miles, including remote mountain locations difficult for some trucks to reach; the department works

closely with neighboring fire departments Sunnyside, South Greene, Tusculum, and Nolichucky Valley to ensure adequate personnel, especially during weekdays when many members are at work; and

WHEREAS, for sixty years, the members of the Camp Creek Volunteer Fire Department have voluntarily risked their lives while upholding the finest tenets and traditions of the fire department, and it is wholly fitting that we recognize them for their many years of service to their community; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby commend and congratulate the members of the Camp Creek Volunteer Fire Department upon the department's sixtieth anniversary, extending our sincere gratitude for their service and wishing them all the best in their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.